# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1070
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
DEMONSTRATION BY DEVADASIS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Devadasis staged a demonstration in December, 2002 at the Jantar-Mantar in Delhi for justice;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)
(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. About 200 women (Devadasis)staged a demonstration at Jantar-Mantaron 2.12.2002 for the rehabilitation of Devadasis.

(c) The concerned State Governments where the traditionof Devadasis exists have enacted special laws for prevention of this social evil and for rehabilitation of the Devadasis and their children. Government of India is alsoimplementing schemes like Short Stay Homes and Swadhar that have provisions for rehabilitation of such women.